

9/11/69

Dear Paul,

Your 9/7 with enclosures arrived today. I'll comment on them separately, for some are quite interesting.

On the Quigley 544: I'd leave that up to you and Bud. The immediate advantage I see in it is puncturing their withholding under the "investigative" provision. If they can make the essential knowledge and the exact content available withholding is a fraud. There is a reason, and I suspect it is in the answer they gave you, to hide their knowledge of Oswald's use of the address the significance of which they sure knew. The lawyers may not have known it, but there is no doubt the FBI did. And they deliberately withheld this from the WC. Had the Commission know of it, there is always the chance it would have made a difference.

On the testimony: I don't want you to get stuck for exorbitant costs. Cyril doesn't want. Sylvia does and will pay. I am sure Bernabei will want but he hasn't said. Certainly he'll want Frazier, but if he feels he cannot afford it, there is the alternative of letting him borrow the set for me, because I've read it. On the rest I can wait. I think the best answer is to do what will be best for you, for there should be no emergency on any of it unless someone is writing. John has not responded to my inquiry, can he supply a Thermofax. This costs him nothing. But I've told him I do not want him to take the time. My desire for a Thermofax x copy is for travelling. A lecture bureau is offering me, but after they've made up their brochure and most of the season's schedule. The thinner copy would take up much less room in my bag, where there is never enough room. Can you Xerox on tissue? If you can, perhaps, in the future, I can get selected pages done that way and make a single booklet of these selections. Gary should have let you know by now what he'll want. I will want all, verbatim. We should also see if there is not other testimony we want. I think Shaneyfelt for sure. John has not responded to my question, is he getting this, too...I think if he wants to Vince could get all of this for us, without you having to do the work or any of us having the cost. There are enough women in the N.C. office to do this, and theirs is a fast machine. Although I thought I was prepared for most of what could be expected from that sick place, that they'd not supply the testimony to those who did so much for them tells you much. And I am surprised that Vince didn't do this without being asked to. What John doesn't supply, however, I suggest you or Gary ask Vince to get and specify the number of copies. Let them say no, if they will. But so you will have no doubt: I have no urgent, immediate need for any of it and I am confident neither Gary nor Dick does, for each is busy on his doctorate, and should be.

Re my 8/21 note on GAI-SS: I'm too tired to dig the file out. I worked outside this p.m. and it pooped me. 70 pages sounds like too much. If you say it is not interesting, I'm satisfied. I do not recall my interest in these pages now. This relates to the E and F parts.

Without checking, I am almost entirely in accord with what you say on the authorization, save that it is, if my recollection is not in error, CD 362a. Do you mean your notes of Commission notes "were distributed". You never sent me any notes on this. Without checking John's letter, I am inclined to think he was told "not in the relevant files" or the one. They usually leave themselves a notch through which to climb. But I've made a record they'll not be able to dispute, I think, if you've read the correspondence closely, for they said they supplied it from JFK 4-1 and I assure you it was not there. I've bought every copy of every autopsy file for this and other things required to be in any autopsy file, and I guarantee you this was in none. Only 362a. You will recall it most definitely was not in CD371, and that is a special one Specter used for the testimony. There above all, as a matter of law and evidence, it belonged.

On the list of withholdings, I'll lend this to Bud for him to copy when I see him if you haven't sent him one. Do not copy for him if you haven't. He should be here next week, and I'll be in DC the following week. Instead of making up a list from my biblio when I get it back, he can have that checked against the list. They never once indicated the existence of such lists to me, and I asked on a number of occasions. On the last they said they'd mark up my biblio. This means we have to do some work on the list, esp. because it gives reasons that can be questioned and checked...Johnson is the one who told me and he has moved to Berkhoff's office, so he may have drafted the letters to you.

I think maybe I'll spend a couple of days there when COUP is cleaned up going over several boxes of staff papers.

I'll go over the docs you sent in the e.m. and make a few notes. - have scanned them and found several interesting things. Thanks.

Sincerely,